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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If no representations have been received by the Government from the villagers of Pattur for forming a road from their village to the burial ground, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that there is no pathway connecting the village of Pattur to the burial ground and have the Government any proposal to instruct the President of the District Board to construct this pathway? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The district board is already taking action regarding this matter."

Diplomas of the Madras Institute of Technology

* 980 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member who gave notice of the question, namely, Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar is not in his seat, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have granted recognition to the diplomas issued by the Madras Institute of Technology for purposes of employment under the State Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. The matter is under active consideration."

Laccadive Islands

* 981 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation during September 1954 from the Laccadive Islands Welfare Committee requesting the Government to take steps to promote the welfare of the islanders; and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*b*) whether the Minister has visited the islands?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. A note [a] showing the action taken on the main requests contained in the representation is laid on the table of the House.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் டிசம்பர் மாதம் அந்தத் தீவுகளைப் பார்வையிடப்போவதாக கூறியிருந்தார். அப்படி பார்வை இடாததற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? ஆனால் கவர்னர் அவர்கள் அந்தத் தீவுகளை பார்வையிட்டிருக்கிறார். அப்படி அவர் பார்வையிட்டு அவர் என்ன சிபாரிசு செய்திருக்கிறார் ? அதன்மேல் மக்களுக்கு ஏதாகிலும் நன்மைகள் வழங்கப்பட்டனவா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The supplementary question put by the hon. Member has nothing to do with the main question. I have no objection to allow the question if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer it."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 234–236 infra.